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Weekly Views

From the Office of J. David Donahue, Commissioner

Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase. Just take the first step."
-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)

Friday, January 25, 2008

Sgt. Shon Bex, Putnamville Correctional Facility, exemplified Correctional staffs' commitment to civic duty and the community when he provided life saving assistance by rescuing a young child from the icy waters of VanBibber Lake.

A number of facilities celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday with special events. The Wabash Valley Correctional Facility enjoyed a visit from the Unitarian Universalist Church and Choir along with the African American Indiana University Choral Ensemble. The Pendleton Correctional Facility conducted a Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Service that was attended by a number of outside volunteers and 128 offenders.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles partnered with the Department's Re-entry Division to install identification equipment at RDC. This will allow RDC to begin creating the necessary State Identification necessary for offenders' successful re-entry into society. In addition, RDC has begun releasing "walk-thru" offenders directly from the facility.

The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility CLIFF Unit held a family day. Fourteen family members, that included parents and siblings, attended the session that included family reunification group activities, re-entry planning and a Narcotics Anonymous group.

UN-Chained Ministries held a two-day revival at the Rockville Correctional Facility. Those attending enjoyed music by the Soul Patrol Band, messages, and testimonies.

The Pendleton Correctional Facility administrative staff conducted a rewards ceremony to recognize Cash Spot Bonus recipients, SECC Champions, and "Years of Service" pin recipients.

Branchville Correctional Facility's INshape committee has begun its annual "Biggest Loser" contest. Contestants will be provided weekly tips and encouragement by the committee.

The Plainfield Correctional Facility held its first staff assembly of the New Year, which included a guest speaker from the administration of the Plainfield Aquatic Center who offered words of encouragement for INShape Indiana program.

The world's largest corn boiler was delivered to the Westville Correctional Facility as part of Governor Mitch Daniels' initiative to reduce Indiana's reliance on non-renewable energy sources.